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M. H. Conaway
Captain, CEC, U.S. Navy
Acting Commanding Officer
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Attn: Mr. Dominic O'Connor
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Re: First Five Year Review, Allegany Ballistics Laboratory Superfund Site
Rocket Center, West Virginia

Dear Captain Conaway:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region III has reviewed the report entitled "Five-Year ROD Review Report First Five-Year Review Report for Allegany Ballistics Laboratory Superfund Site Rocket Center, West Virginia". The report was prepared by the Navy to address the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) Section 121 (c) five-year review requirements. EPA has reviewed this five-year review report and has compared it to the OSWER Directive 9355.7-03B-P, *Comprehensive Five-Year Review Guidance* (EPA, June 2001). EPA concurs with the Navy's determination that the remedies in place are protective of human health and the environment.

EPA's Region 3 would like to congratulate the Navy in preparing a five-year review report that meets the intent of EPA's Five-Year Review Guidance Document.

If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Beach at (215) 814-3364.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Abraham Ferdas", is positioned above the typed name.

Abraham Ferdas, Director
Hazardous Site Cleanup Division

cc: Mr. Dominic O'Connor, LANTDIV
Mr. Tom Bass, West Virginia DEP



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